



GOVERNOR'S OFFICE OF  
BUDGET AND PROGRAM PLANNING

## Fiscal Note 2009 Biennium

<b>Bill #</b>	HB0740	<b>Title:</b>	State purchase of military headstones
<b>Primary Sponsor:</b>	Olson, Alan	<b>Status:</b>	As Amended on the House Floor

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| <input type="checkbox"/> Significant Local Gov Impact     | <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Needs to be included in HB 2 | <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Technical Concerns   |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Included in the Executive Budget | <input type="checkbox"/> Significant Long-Term Impacts           | <input type="checkbox"/> Dedicated Revenue Form Attached |

### FISCAL SUMMARY

	<u>FY 2008 Difference</u>	<u>FY 2009 Difference</u>	<u>FY 2010 Difference</u>	<u>FY 2011 Difference</u>
<b>Expenditures:</b>				
General Fund	\$60,000	\$60,000	\$60,000	\$60,000
<b>Revenue:</b>				
General Fund	\$0	\$0	\$0	\$0
<b>Net Impact-General Fund Balance</b>	<u>(\$60,000)</u>	<u>(\$60,000)</u>	<u>(\$60,000)</u>	<u>(\$60,000)</u>

### Description of Fiscal Impact:

This proposal, as applicable to this fiscal analysis, directs the Board of Veterans Affairs to administer a program that will reimburse the families of eligible, deceased Montana National Guard members a sum not to exceed \$300 for headstone or marker expense. The funding in the bill is sufficient to fund FY 2008 level of need. The need will continue on into the future as will the responsibility for reimbursement.

### FISCAL ANALYSIS

#### Assumptions:

#### **Department of Military Affairs – Veterans' Affairs Division**

1. There is appropriated in this bill \$60,000 from the state general fund.
2. The \$60,000 would equate to 200 qualifying reimbursements which is the estimated annual need.
3. The bill does not specify that reimbursement is contingent upon funding within the bill so it is assumed that reimbursements will continue on at the same level as FY 2008 with funding coming from the general fund.

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<b><u>Fiscal Impact:</u></b>				
<b>Department of Military Affairs - Veterans' Affairs Division</b>				
<b><u>Expenditures:</u></b>				
Operating Expenses	\$60,000	\$60,000	\$60,000	\$60,000
<b><u>Funding of Expenditures:</u></b>				
General Fund (01)	\$60,000	\$60,000	\$60,000	\$60,000
<b><u>Revenues:</u></b>				
General Fund (01)	\$0	\$0	\$0	\$0
<b><u>Net Impact to Fund Balance (Revenue minus Funding of Expenditures):</u></b>				
General Fund (01)	(\$60,000)	(\$60,000)	(\$60,000)	(\$60,000)

**Technical Notes:**

1. While the bill contains funding sufficient to fund the estimated reimbursement requests for FY 2008, it does not provide ongoing funding and it appears the state's responsibility for reimbursement continues.
2. FY 2009 funding would need to be amended into HB 2.

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